

MY TRADE AND ART IS TO LIVE; he that forbids me to speak according to my own sense, experience and practice, may as well enjoin an architect not to speak of building according to his own knowledge, but according to that of his knowledge of another and not according to his own. Montaigne.

Rome's Hidden Hand in Ohio Political Campaign

A few weeks ago the Rev. H. F. Rector, of 6108 Conover St., Cincinnati, Ohio, received a package through the mails which was enclosed in one of those large envelopes such as are furnished by the government for the free use of senators and congressmen in mailing their speeches and other parts of the congressional record.

There was nothing peculiar or unusual about the outside of the envelope. The photographic reproduction, shown elsewhere on this page, indicated that it contained part of the congressional record; and, for that reason, was privileged to go through the mails "free"—that is, without the payment of postage by the usual affixing of a stamp.

There was no postage stamp on any part of the envelope or package; and Dr. Rector was naturally very much surprised upon opening the envelope to find that its bulky contents were neither part of the congressional record nor anything else which could properly or legally be mailed in such an envelope or in such a manner.

What the envelope did contain was even more surprising than what it didn't. The three enclosures were neither wholly nor in part from any branch, department, bureau, or office of the government. One of them was a circular letter attacking President Wilson and his administration; and, more particularly, urging the recipient to support Ex-Senator Charles Dick, of Ohio, who is again a candidate. The other two papers were copies of "The Catholic News Bulletin," which is published monthly at 2603 Mozart Place, Washington, D. C., by E. L. Scharf. This person is also author of the pro-Dick circular which is signed by him as "Editor Catholic News Bulletin."

This circular and these bulletins are rich in varied significance for those who will take the trouble to go through them. The circular is an especially interesting document, and is herewith reproduced in full. As you absorb its contents don't overlook the amazing fact that it was mailed, free of postage, from Washington, D. C., to a citizen of Cincinnati; that it was mailed in a government envelope which can properly and legally be used only for official governmental business; and that the envelope bears the

franking signature of R. P. Hobson, member of congress.

What Is the Explanation?
Does Congressman Hobson give the editor of the Catholic News Bulletin the use of his franking privilege; does someone in possession of Mr. Hobson's supply of government envelopes sell them at a discount to the Romish Bureau of Misinformation; or were these envelopes stolen or spirited away by Roman Catholic criminals like thousands of envelopes, belonging to THE MENACE, were stolen by the Roman Catholic Central Verein of St. Louis?

How does it come that such notorious papist politicians as E. L. Scharf can use the U. S. mails free of charge to carry his vicious partisan pamphlets from Washington to Cincinnati and—who knows where?

We would suggest that those zealous inspectors, who busied themselves last winter in dogging THE MENACE previous to the Joplin trial, now cast their eagle eyes upon E. L. Scharf, whose past record of trying to sell papist votes to congressional candidates in "close districts" shows why such watching is needed for the common welfare.

But, note the circular letter above referred to. It begins with the usual whine about "bitter agitation against the Catholic church." Oh, no, Dr. Scharf, Ph. D. The agitation that so grieves your pious soul is not against the Catholic church or the Catholic religion; but is against such precious puseyfooting Roman Catholic politicians as yourself. When the American people get that straight, this stereotyped sob talk will not so impress them as it possibly has in the past.

It next endeavors to generate Irish and German resentment against President Wilson by reference to the hyphen in the most cowardly and contemptible way. Whatever President Wilson has said concerning foreign-born citizens, much of it (in fact, the most of it) has been complimentary; and all of it has been said in the open. We frankly disagree with some of the president's policies; but we can say among other things to his credit, that he is above using the White House franking privilege for political purposes.

Urges Support of Senator Dick
Concerning the congressman credited with the statement that "there

State Covered With Papistic Literature Bitterly Attacking President Wilson, His Administration, Congress, the Public Schools, and the Patriotic Movement—Urges Support of Charles Dick for U. S. Senator Because of His Friendship for Rome

SENT POSTAGE FREE UNDER CONGRESSMAN'S FRANK

Copies of the "Catholic News Bulletin," Published by the Notorious Papist Lobbyist, E. L. Scharf, With Printed Circular of Like Nature, Sent by Mail from Washington, D. C., to Cincinnati, in Government Envelope Purporting to Contain "Part of Congressional Record"

can be no Catholic Americans" we must say that he knew what he was talking about even if the statement was displeasing to Romish politicians. Of course such as Scharf would commend the Roosevelt administration for giving public funds to Roman Catholic schools; and, for the same reason they would condemn the Wilson administration for stopping such an unconstitutional and un-American practice.

It says that President Wilson sent secret agents to Mexico to "plan, and scheme, and conspire with a lot of cutthroats." The president is charged with "colossal blunders" while the administrations of Roosevelt and Taft are praised because "Roosevelt had two Catholics in his cabinet" and actually "sent Taft to the Holy Father" to adjust Philippine matters to papal satisfaction.

Then follows an urgent plea for the support of Senator Dick as candidate for the Ohio senatorship. Among the recommendations offered in behalf of that gentleman is the reminder of his part in paying Rome millions of dollars for so-called friars' lands in those islands—lands which never belonged to either the friars or the papal system. Mr. Scharf and his associates would like to have a senate of Dicks ready to perform a similar service for the pope in the possible reconstruction of Mexico.

Senator Dick has evidently been Rome's devoted friend, if Scharf can be believed; and, for that reason, the election is supported and urged by this papal meddler in Ohio politics. Here is the opportunity for Rome to reinstate one of its tried and trusted friends in the senate of the United States; and the opportunity is improved in a way most remarkable.

The claim that Dick is a Lutheran should not confuse the honest voters of Ohio. He may be a consistent Lutheran communicant for all we know; and, if he is, it is

nobody else's business. But the office of United States senator is not a religious office—it is a political office, and the political record of Senator Dick, as revealed by his Romish support, qualifies the gentleman most conclusively for private life.

Attacks the Public Schools

It is evident, from the contents of this document, that Mr. Dick and his friends are depending upon the Roman Catholic vote, won by pro-papal favors, for his election. The proper thing for patriots to do, therefore, is to let the papists elect Mr. Dick—if they can. But why should any non-papist help in the consummation of such a scheme? Ohio surely has better senatorial material, and candidates more acceptable to the honest citizens of that great state.

The contents of the Catholic News Bulletin, also enclosed in the package illegally sent out postage free, are as papistically partisan, and even more bitter in their intemperate attacks upon the president and upon everything else that honest citizens respect. From a first-page article describing its editor's first, and later, trips to the American Middle West, we reproduce the following:

"On my first visit the number of churches (Roman Catholic) was still limited, and the scattered parochial schools seemed to be tottering on the brink of destruction. The Catholic body was still impregnated with the virus of fanaticism that poisoned the minds of the faithful and led them to accept the popular belief in the sacredness of the public schools. But, fortunately, this belief has been seriously shaken. This was accomplished in part by the building up of a parochial school system of greater efficiency from a number of scattered and inefficient units. But the chief factor in destroying the faith of Catholics in the public schools was their own gradual deterioration. The public school still has the financial advantage over the parochial school, but the expensive and pretentious school buildings, which are being erected, are so many beautiful shells that cover up what is within. But, once the shell is pierced, we find NOTHING BUT

CORRUPTION, POLITICS, GRAFT, INEFFICIENCY, AND FAILURE."

Schools and Scholars Vilified

How the loyal friends of the public schools must relish the free use of the mails to disseminate such sentiment as the foregoing quotation contains! Has THE MENACE overstated the facts when it charged political Romanism with a deliberate and studied conspiracy to disrupt and destroy our splendid system of public education? Remember that this attack upon our schools is not a matter of ancient history, but is printed on the first page of the Catholic News Bulletin for the month of April, 1916, arrogantly published in the shadow of the national Capitol, and distributed postage free under the frank of an Alabama congressman. Isn't it about time for the American people to wake up and realize what is going on? One more paragraph from the same article on the same first page:

"The teachings of the church (Roman Catholic) as respects obedience to the law, respect of authority, maintenance of property rights and a dutiful observance of her own teachings and regulations has instilled in the Catholic people of our beloved country an unconscious discipline, which is the stronger for not being recognized, nor even suspected. This admirable discipline is the product of the parochial school and of the higher institutions of learning of the Catholic church, and IS ALMOST TOTALLY LACKING IN THE PUPILS OF THE PUBLIC SCHOOL."

This quoted paragraph implies that the millions of men and women, tried and true, who have received their training in the public schools, are almost totally lacking in obedience to law, respect for authority, regard for property rights, and desirable discipline. How do you like it, Mr. American Citizen? Do you enjoy and approve such characterizations of yourself by papists, mobs of which recently rioted in Chicago and Haverhill, and which are notorious for lacking in the simple virtue of

obedience to law? So much for the attitude of Rome towards the public schools.

On the second page of this April Bulletin is an article endorsing Theodore Roosevelt for the presidency. On this subject and from this article we quote briefly as follows:

For Roosevelt, Against Wilson

"All honor to Theodore Roosevelt. We may add here that under President Roosevelt's administration the complex Philippine church question was settled satisfactorily to the American people. TO THE CATHOLIC HIERARCHY, AND TO THE HOLY FATHER whom Governor Taft visited in order to come to a full and clear understanding. We may also add that President Roosevelt is the only president who had two Catholics in his cabinet—Postmaster General Wynn and Attorney General Bonaparte."

Following the Roosevelt article is one entitled, "The American Autocrat" which is a most bitter attack upon the president, calculated to embarrass the present administration in this hour when it is confronted by grave problems of extraordinary import to the nation. Here it is in all its treacherous bitterness and gross extravagance:

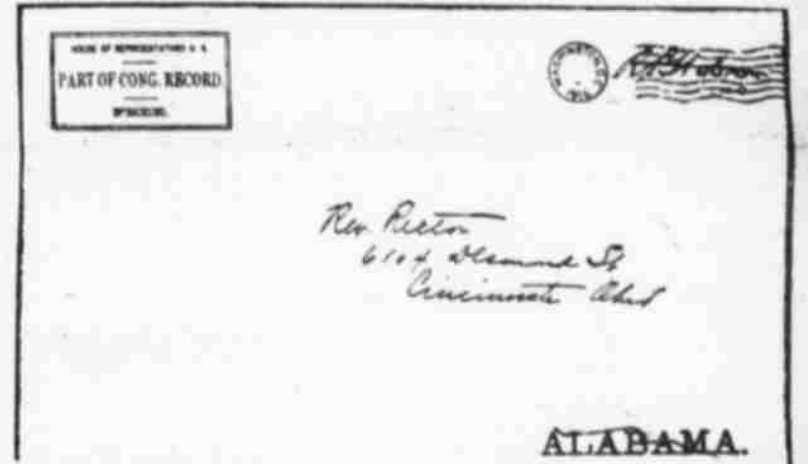
"In Russia they say, Stand by the Czar; in Germany, Stand by the Kaiser. Both have autocratic powers as far as declaring war is concerned. In America we deplore this condition in other countries, without reflecting that our president, by assuming sole power to handle all diplomatic affairs, and declining the advice of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, which this constitution compels him to accept, assumed just as much power as the Czar of Russia in the matter of declaring war, as he can bring his diplomacy to such a critical point where congress can do nothing but declare war."

Knight of one of the Councils (Knights of Columbus) handed me a "pamphlet" which he said had been issued by the K. C. Commission for the investigation of religious prejudice. The "pamphlet" is a wonderful little book and should be scattered broadcast over the country, but in a systematic manner. The Grand Knight of the council in question told me that they got the names of every non-Catholic in their country and mailed each a "pamphlet." This looks like real practical work and the results have already shown themselves.

This is indeed "real practical work" as readers of THE MENACE will remember; for the Callahan "pamphlet" referred to was incorporated into the congressional record by the papist congressman, Gallivan, and sent out in enormous quantities, printed in the government printing office at Washington, and mailed by the ten without the payment of any postage whatever. It is very "practical" for the papal system to have its false and misleading literature printed by the government and mailed at government expense.

It was very "practical" for Gallivan, the papist congressman, to have the Knights of Columbus "pamphlet" (God save the spelling!) palmed off as an official document at the expense of thousands of dollars to the government. It was very practical, but WAS IT HONEST or the least bit creditable to the conspiracy that uses such means to spread its propaganda?

It is a matter of common knowledge that three hundred thousand of Gallivan's franked government envelopes were sent from the government printing office to the



PHOTOGRAPHIC REPRODUCTION OF THE ENVELOPE USED TO DEFAUD THE GOVERNMENT OUT OF POSTAGE, AND TO SEND "THE CATHOLIC NEWS BULLETIN" AND OTHER ROMAN CATHOLIC POLITICAL LITERATURE FROM WASHINGTON, D. C. TO THE REV. RECTOR AT CINCINNATI, OHIO.

Thus, just as the Russian czar overrides the Russian Duma and the will of the Russian people, SO AN AMERICAN Czar CAN OVERRIDE AND DOES OVERRIDE THE AMERICAN DUMA, AND THE WILL OF THE AMERICAN PEOPLE."

THE MENACE is not the champion of any candidate or party. When occasion arises we criticize Mr. Wilson's policies as freely as we would those of any other public official; but we must say that this personal attack upon him contains more that is unfair, more that is misleading, and more that is absolutely false than can usually be crowded into the space it occupies. It merely expresses the hatred of Rome for the president it has been unable to use for its own criminal purposes in Mexico. Consider also the following gems from this propaganda sheet of popery:

"What is the use of an American ambassador to Mexico when a Presbyterian preacher as personal representative of the president will do just as well?"
"Comptroller Downey might use the \$27,000 of which he deprived the Catholic Mission Schools to defray the expenses of Colonel House's joy trip to Europe."
"An administration may be considered on its last legs when the postage stamps issued by the postoffice department lack the required mullage to make them stick where they are expected to stick."

Callahan, Gallivan and Co.

We might appropriately inquire, why this solicitude in regard to postage stamps on the part of a papist publisher who mails his paper without paying postage of any kind. Editors of his kind have been grieving over what it costs the government to carry the large editions of THE MENACE, notwithstanding the fact that we pay the regular rate for its transmission. How consistent is this petty quibble over postage which he should buy the same as others, but manages in Rome's mysterious way to avoid.

In conclusion, this number of the Bulletin pays its respects to Colonel Callahan and his K. C. varnish committee as follows:

Knights of Columbus publication headquarters in Hoboken, N. J., to be addressed to the 300,000 Knights of Columbus, and shipped back for the mailing of this pamphlet from Washington. That scheme worked so well that they are now using government envelopes and free postage to send out such stuff as we have quoted from E. L. Scharf's circulars and bulletins. Rather high-handed work, don't you think?

Congress Is Learning

It seems that members of congress are taking note of such procedure, for Congressman Barnhart, of Indiana, has recently called up a house bill intended to correct such evils as we have described. Press dispatches in reference to the bill carefully refrain from mentioning its connection with papistic practices, but refer to it in general terms which the informed will understand and know how to apply. One news article reads, in part, as follows:

The bill, Barnhart explained, aimed to curtail the privilege of outside interests getting a member of congress to further some special propaganda on the floor and then provide the money for printing the speeches with the understanding that the speech shall be carried in envelopes furnished free by the government and under the congressional frank of the member who delivered it. To his own knowledge, he stated, one member once delivered a speech and had 2 million copies printed. The interests back of the propaganda rented rooms in Washington, employed some forty women and used government envelopes and the government mail service free of charge to spread that speech broadcast. Humphrey of Washington asked for the name. "If we were to start in and give the names of members who have indulged in questionable practices of that kind," Barnhart warned, "it would be surprising to this House." But he told of another instance of a member, now deceased, who ordered two kinds of envelopes, franked, one for sending out a publication with a letter from himself enclosed, another addressed to himself for reply. "And he was inviting every voter in his district," Barnhart explained, "to violate the law in sending back to him a franked reply."

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The Scharf-Dick Circular
(Prepared and Circulated by Rome's Misinformation Bureau, in Washington, D. C., to injure the present government of the United States and further the election of a senator friendly to the papal system.)
Washington, D. C., April 15, 1916.
Dear Sir:—
You have, no doubt, been amazed at the present unhealthy mental state of the country in relation to most every question that has come before congress and the unfortunate administration, and especially the bitter agitation against the Catholic church.
Germans and Irish have been held up to public scorn by our president as hyphenated Americans.
Everybody who disagrees with the autocrat at the White House is invited to leave the country and go back to Europe.
One member of congress has come out openly with the statement that "there can be no Catholic Americans." (See Stephens, in Cong. Record, March 28, 1916, page 5595.)
Twenty-seven thousand of the \$100,000 which had been allocated to Roosevelt to the Catholic Indian Schools was taken away from them by the present administration.
President Wilson and secret agents, who were to be responsible neither to the people nor to the law, but to the pope, sent down there to plan and scheme and conspire with a lot of cutthroats like Villa and Carranza to overthrow the regularly constituted government of Mexico under Huerta, who had been recognized by practically all the civilized nations of the world.
What a horrible mess we have been in by the colossal blunders of the president, and what a difference there is between the present state of affairs and the healthy conditions under the administrations of President Roosevelt and Taft. Roosevelt had two Catholics in his cabinet and did not seem to be a bit afraid of the pope, for he actually sent Gov. Taft to the Holy Father to come to a full understanding with him on the Philippine question.
Those were the sunny days of religious tolerance, of broad statesmanship and of supported the broad policies of Roosevelt and Taft, and took an active part in the legislation necessary to carry out those policies, was Senator Charles Dick, of Ohio. He is sure to begin at the lowest rung of the ladder. His experience in militia and military affairs will be of especial value to the country at this time of a general planning for preparedness.
When the momentous question of the settlement of the property rights of the Catholic church in the Philippines and in Porto Rico was before the administration of President Roosevelt, and afterwards of President Taft, Senator Dick, as a member of the Philippine Committee, took a direct interest in carrying out the policies of those great presidents.
He introduced, and had passed, a bill to pay the claims of the Philippine Friars and another bill to pay a claim of the Catholic Bishop of Porto Rico. He voted for the measure appropriating \$7,000,000 for the Philippine Friar lands, but where he began at the lowest rung of the ladder. The memorable battle in the senate during the Indian trial funds amounting to \$100,000, which had been allowed them by President Roosevelt.
In that battle Senator Dick was one of the band of ten senators who stood like a guard of honor for justice to our schools. Father Ketchum in his report of the Catholic Indian Bureau to Cardinal Gibbons gives the names of these ten senators and the name of Senator Dick head the list. (See Report of Catholic Indian Bureau 1904-05, page 21.)
There was one occasion when Senator Dick's wonderful ability as an organizer and strategist displayed itself at its best. There was a proposal before the senate, which Senator Dick advocated almost alone, to increase the pay of the army chaplains and to grant them the same privileges, rank and status as the army chaplains enjoyed. There was general opposition to the bill. The naval board opposed it, the chairman of the house naval committee opposed it, as did Senator Hale, the powerful and influential chairman of the senate naval committee. Yet in spite of all this opposition Senator Dick succeeded in having the bill passed by the senate naval committee and afterwards by the senate. The Army and Navy Journal later on paid the senator a well deserved tribute for his astounding and successful work.
It would seem to be only just to remember all this at this time when the senator is again a candidate. There is an opportunity for the citizens of Ohio to show their appreciation of the broad stand he has taken on all questions affecting the interests of the country. Senator Dick is a Lutheran and the son of German parents who came from Wuersteburg. He was the right-hand man of the beloved President McKinley and of that great political leader, Senator Marcus A. Hanna, who both recognized his sterling qualities and placed their full confidence and trust in him—and it would seem that the people of Ohio and especially the voters of that great state cannot go far astray in putting their trust in him as well, and reward him with a vote of confidence at the coming primary election.
Very truly yours,
E. L. Scharf, Ph. D.
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A SWING AROUND THE MIDDLE WEST.

Fifteen years ago I visited certain sections of the Middle West. A few weeks ago I saw the same part of the country again. My second visit was to me a revelation, a great and wonderful lesson, a brilliant

And now, with their own school system developed, systematized and perfected, Catholics may look with confidence into the future and into the past with pride for what they have so far achieved.

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THE STORY OF MEXICO FROM ALPHA TO OMEGA.

It would be impossible to conceive of a greater aggregation of blunders, follies and boneheadedness than were perpetrated by the Wilson administration in its Mexican policy. The story of Mexico, as told from the beginning of the Wilson regime to the present day is one that every decent American must be ashamed to let one of his countrymen take in the beginning, and

Having rejected anything and everything that could be in any way official and authoritative, he started in on his fatal course of employing personal representatives, men with whom he could deal secretly, confidentially and privately, and who would not be responsible either to the State Department, or to the Senate or House of Representatives, or to the American people.